

DISPATCH 1

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TO	Chief of Base, Berlin	EGG	NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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FROM	Chief, Hum Operations Base	EGN	WHICH MUST BE INDEXED
	Chief, Munich Liaison Base		MICROFILM
SUBJECT	CASTRO Check of Berlin Document Center Records		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>REFS: A. EOMA-67225, dated 1/ September 1965</p> <p>B. EOMA-11444, dated 15 October 1965</p> <p>38</p> <p>1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers Schools at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Fuerstenberg/Mecklenburg in SIPO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939 has been provided by alias CASTRO:</p> <p>a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIPO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei Nr. 14. Armee).</p> <p>b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenfuehrer Otto von <u>WITTECH</u> (born 24 July 1895 in Schmancwitz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIPO Colonel, Dr. <u>JOHANNES</u> and a 350-man Special SIPO Detachment under SS Oerfuehrer, Dr. Otto <u>RASCH</u> (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIPO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officer School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadefuehrer Otto <u>HEILIG</u> (born on 24 February 1896 in Werdhuesen) as well as from the student body of the Fuerstenberg/Mecklenburg Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberfuehrer <u>THIESSER</u>. <u>HEILIG</u>'s Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat <u>SKINDCHER</u> (born on 7 June 1902 in Bam or on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>Distributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief, ES - Chief, CSB, Frankfurt - Chief, Hum Ops Base <p>GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION</p> <p>32W-2-20</p>			
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a. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

(X) BARTHMAN Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pomm

(X) BARTIS fru, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zarnst or 2 March 1906
in reside

(X) BUCK Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser

(X) JOHNER Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling

(X) Dr. KOCKEN Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Bamberg/Rhein

(X) KOENIG Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Luck

(X) KUSCHEL fru, born 16 February 1902 in Schaplitz or 11 Dec. 1902
in Danzig

(X) SCHULKE fru, born 9 March 1896 in Viehrenbach or 25 Aug. 1913
in Konstanz

(X) SCHMIDT Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918
in Allersberg

(X) SPIEGELHAUER Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde

(X) TOTTENL Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salzburg

(X) WEINANN fru, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909
in Seesen/Harz

(X) WESSIG Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad Rixlin/Pomm

(X) WILHELM Georg, born 30 March 1912 in Preist

(X) WILHELMSTEIN Heinrich, born 1 June 1912 in Kempten/Bay

(X) ZERNER Eugen, born 25 Dec. 1912 in Peine.

c. CASTROP has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

a. When and from what organizations the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WITTSCH;.

b. Where and for how long they were operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROP's information, most members of the von WITTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapoelle Kattowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapoelle Kattowitz.)

3. CASTROP states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the HOC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIDE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROP has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIDE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VONTRAIL, Josef - ECMA-43135, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HOC traces; ECMA-41858 dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HOC trace results.

b. WILDMAN, George - ECMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HOC traces for CATIE; ECMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HOC trace results.

c. GERBER, Eugen - ECMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HOC traces for CATIE.

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